

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1-26 and 28-29 are pending in the application with claims 1 and 28 being independent. Claims 1-26 and 29 remain unchanged. Claim 27 has been canceled. Claim 28 has been amended. No claims have been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant accepts the allowance of claims 1-26. Claims 28-29 stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but have been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Original dependent claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations from base claim 27. Claim 29 depends from claim 28. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 28-29 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wieder (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0044983). Claim 27 has been canceled. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue the patentability of claim 27 in a continuing application.

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Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required, except for the fees included in the attached check, if any. In any event, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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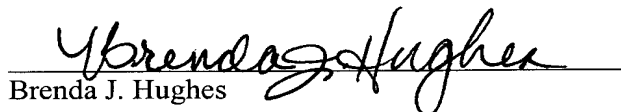
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